

Remarks

In this response, each of the independent claims, i.e., claims 1, 13, 25, 30, 35, 36, 37 and 38 is amended to specify that "the adapter is selectively switchable without disassembly by a manual operation" (claims 1, 13, 25, 35, 36, 37), or the adapter is switched "without disassembling the adapter" (claims 30 and 38).

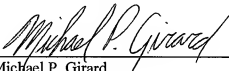
Accordingly, each of claims 1-39 is believed to be patentably distinguishable over EP 1 103 232 A1 (Bianchetti), because Bianchetti does not allow switching of polarity without disassembly. Therefore, the rejections under § 102(b) and § 103(a) over Bianchetti should be withdrawn.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are directed to allowable subject matter and that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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